have been spelt out. According to these orders, the Northern Circle of BSI will cover Himachal Pradesh and other States in North India and the Southern Circle <of BSI will cover Andhra Pradesh and *other States in South India. In view of this, the plan to set up units of the BSI, at Solan and Hyderabad was dropped in the 7th Five Year Plan.

Experimental Garden at Itanagar

23£. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Botanical Survey of India has acquired 124 acres of land at Itanagar for developing an experimental garden; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard including the future plans ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Botanical Survey of India has purchased 124 acres of land at Itanagar from Government of Arunachal Pradesh. The land is being used for the Experimental Garden and also for construction of office building etc. Rare and endemic species of plants and their germplasm would be conserved and multiplied with a view to pronagate them and to rehabilitate them into their wild habitats.

Signatures of ex-envoys, scholars etc. for supporting a political party

240. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERIEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which ap peared in The Times of India, New Delhi Edition of the 5th June, 1991 about a statement reportedly signed by ex-envoys, scholars, etc. offering their support to a particular political party;

(b) if so, whether the Statement included signatures of two officials holding high *posts* in the Department of Culture;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government regarding the alleged involvement of Government officials in the affair; and

(d) the action, if any, taken by Government in the case?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Implementation of new education policy

241. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 230 and Unstarred Question IIM given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the number of members of the Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education constituted to review the implementation of the New Education Policy; and

(b) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Committee comprises sixteen members including the Chair man, and three permanent invitees.

(b) The Committee is required to submit its report within two months from the» date of its meeting. The first meeting of the Committee was held on 27th August, 1991.

Non-implementation of transfer guidelines by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

242. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the transfer guidelines for the teachers and Principals